

ABSTRACT

First divided booths 2 and 3 are moved to coating positions P to form a coating booth and an article to be coated carried by a carrying device is coated in the coating booth. Second divided booths 5 and 6 are retracted to cleaning positions C and cleaning booths 8 and 9 are moved from retracted positions T to operating positions S5 and S6 to cover the openings of the divided booths 5 and 6, and then cleaning is performed in this state. After the cleaning is completed, the cleaning booths 8 and 9 are returned to the retracted positions T, and the second divided booths 5 and 6 are moved to the coating positions P to form a second coating booth. After the coating by the first divided booths 2 and 3 is completed, the first divided booths 2 and 3 are retracted from the coating positions P to the cleaning positions C, the cleaning booths 8 and 9 are moved from the retracted positions T to the operating positions S2 and S3, and the cleaning is performed to ready for a next color change.